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EXTENSION OF POSTAL NETWORK IN NINTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have a proposal for expansion of postal network during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) If so, the norms prescribed for the establishment of new post offices; and

(c) The number of new post offices proposed to be set up and the existing post offices expanded during the said Plan, state-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) the norms prescribed for the opening of new post offices are at Annexure-A

(c) Achievement during first three years of 9th Plan in expansion of Postal Network, circle wise is given in Annexure-B.The Targets fixed for the purpose for the current year 2000-2001 is given in Annexure-C.

Annexure-B

CIRCLE WISE BREAK UP OF POST OFFICES OPENED DURING 9TH FIVE YEAR PLAN

S.No.	Circles	TARGET 1997-98 BO	OPENED 1997-98 SO	TARGET 1998-99 BO	OPENED 1998-99 SO	TARGET 99-2000 BO	OPENED 99-2000 SO
1	ANDHRA	10	2	10	3	10	2
2	ASSAM	25	2	18	3	54	5
3	BIHAR	40	5	31	4	72	2
4	DELHI	5	2	5	2	4	2
5	GUJARAT	25	2	18	3	31	2
6	HARYANA	15	2	13	2	13	3
7	HIMACHAL	10	2	4	nil	7	1
8	J & K	15	1	11	1	23	1
9	KARNATAKA	30	5	24	5	12	4
10	KERALA	10	2	7	1	12	3
11	M.P.	37	2	41	2	50	5
12	MAHRASHTRA	35	3	34	4	69	3
13	NORTH EAST	25	3	18	3	54	3
14	ORISSA	27	2	21	3	10	2
15	PUNJAB	17	2	12	2	12	2
16	RAJASTHAN	33	2	33	1	30	1
17	TAMIL NADU	21	2	21	3	10	2
18	U.P.	70	6	57	6	82	3
19	W.BENGAL	50	3	24	4	43	4
	TOTAL	500	50	402	52	598	50

S.No.	Circles	TARGET 1998-99 SO	OPENED 1998-99 BO	TARGET 99-2000 SO	OPENED 99-2000 BO	TARGET 99-2000 SO	OPENED 99-2000 SO
1	ANDHRA	2	15	2	4	3	
2	ASSAM	5	50	4	24	7	
3	BIHAR	2	50	3	51	nil	
4	DELHI	2	4	2	4	2	
5	GUJARAT	2	30	3	28	2	
6	HARYANA	3	15	2	12	1	
7	HIMACHAL	1	7	1	2	1	
8	J & K	1	15	1	14	1	
9	KARNATAKA	4	21	3	21	3	
10	KERALA	3	4	2	4	2	
11	M.P.	5	40	4	40	4	
12	MAHRASHTRA	3	50	2	50	3	
13	NORTH EAST	3	40	2	19	3	
14	ORISSA	2	14	2	14	2	
15	PUNJAB	2	10	1	9	1	
16	RAJASTHAN	1	27	2	24	1	
17	TAMIL NADU	2	15	2	15	2	
18	U.P.	3	50	3	10	2	
19	W.BENGAL	4	43	4	41	9	
	TOTAL	50	500	50	386	49	

Annexure C

Targets for opening of Post Offices for the year 2000-2001

S.No.	Name of Circle	EDBOs	DSOs
1	Andhra Pradesh	15	2
2.	Assam	30	3
3.	Bihar	75	7
4.	Delhi	04	2
5.	Gujarat	20	3
6.	Haryana	15	2
7	Himachal Pradesh	07	1
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	05	1
9.	Karnataka	21	2
10.	Kerala	04	2
11.	Madhya Pradesh	40	3
12.	Maharashtra	60	2
13.	North East	40	2
14.	Orissa	10	2
15.	Punjab	14	2
16.	Rajasthan	20	2
17.	Tamil Nadu	15	2
18.	Uttar Pradesh	50	3
19.	West Bengal	55	7
	Total	500	50

Annexure-A

NORMS FOR OPENING POST OFFICES:

1. Norms for opening Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices:

1.1 Population :

(a) In Normal Areas:

3000 population in a group of villages (including the PPO village)

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

1.2 Distance :

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in Hilly Areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 Anticipated Income:

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33 1/3 % of the cost.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The minimum anticipated income would be 15 % of the cost.

2.Criteria for upgrading/opening Departmental Sub Post Offices:

(a) In Rural Areas:

The minimum work load of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Office, proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day. The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs. 2400/- in Normal Rural areas and Rs. 4800/- in Tribal and hilly areas.

(b) In Urban Areas:

In Urban areas, the post office should initially be self-supporting, and, at the time of the first annual review, it should show a 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 Kms. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above, and 2 Kms. in other Urban Areas. No two-delivery offices, however, should be closer than 5 Kms. for each other.

Heads of Circles have powers to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases.

A Delivery Post Office in Urban Area should have a minimum of 7 Postmen`s beats.